

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this Amendment, claims 1-16, 20-38, 43, 45 and 48-50 were pending in the present application. Claims 43 and 45 are cancelled above. Claims 1, 20 and 48 are amended above. No new matter is added by the claim amendments. Entry is respectfully requested.

The Applicant notes, with appreciation, that the Office Action indicates at page 3, paragraph 2, that claims 1-16, 20-38 and 48-50 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. However, we note claims 1, 20 and 48 are independent claims. Entry and allowance are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 20 and 48 are objected to for reasons stated in the Office Action. Claims 1, 20 and 48 are amended consistent with suggestions made in the Office Action. Reconsideration and removal of the objections to claims 1, 20 and 48 are respectfully requested.

Claims 43 and 45 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rambo (U.S. Patent Number 1,177,724). Claims 43 and 45 are cancelled above. Accordingly, reconsideration and removal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Closing Remarks

It is submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested. If prosecution of the application can be expedited by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number given below.

Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 501798 for any additional fees which may be due or to credit any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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